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SAVED FROM AWFUL DEATH.

Coming Tide Caught Cockle
Pickers on Flats.

WERE AGNES GLEASON'S CREW.

Water Nearly To Their Necks
When Rescued by Towboat.

Yesterday afternoon nine of the crew of the Rips fishing sch. Agnes V. Gleason, Capt. Adolph Amiro, came near death by drowning, and only by a mere chance were they rescued.

They came in to Plymouth yesterday morning for fresh bait, and as the cockle pickers had not sufficient bait for them the whole crew, numbering 17 men, went out in two dories for the numerous flats to gather them. One boat went out to Dick's flat, the other two miles distant to Whites flat.

The tide was out and the men pulled their boat up as far as they thought necessary on Dicks flat and went to work gathering cockles. They did not take notice of the strong wind which was blowing from the southeast and of the rising tide, and the first they knew one of their number looked up for the boat and was horror stricken to find that the tide had come up and floated it off and the strong wind was taking it rapidly away from them.

They shouted as loud as they could, but they could not make any one on shore take notice and then they pulled off their coats and shirts and waved them frantically above their heads.

The water was fast covering the flats and rising up on their bodies and the cold wind was piercing them, and with the ice cold water they could not stand up much longer.

The dory had drifted across Goose point channel to another flat and was rolling over and over by the force of the wind and sea.

One of the fishermen, Armande Muise, said to the others: "Well, boys, I may as well drown one way as another; I will swim for the boat."

The water then was above their waists, and he kicked off his shoes and plunged into the channel and after a great struggle reached the boat, climbed into it and fell exhausted in the water in the boat.

James Bagnell had in the meantime seen the signals from shore and telephoned Capt. D. H. Craig of the tug Mary Arnold, which lay at the wharf with steam up. It did not take many minutes for the tug to get under way and full head of steam was put on. It was an exciting run.

The eight men left on the flat were having a hard time holding on, as the water was now to their armpits, and the only way they could hold up was by all clinging together. The tug reached them in time and took them on board and then picked up Muise, who lay helpless in the dory.

The men were taken to the schooner, where Muise was put in a bunk and restoratives given him. The other men were chilled through, but speedily revived and were very grateful for their rescue.

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NOVEL CONTEST.

Big Steamer and Giant Whale
Raced Ten Miles.

For a distance of nearly ten miles yesterday the United Fruit Company's steamer Atlantis, which arrived at Long wharf, Boston, late in the afternoon from Nipe bay, Cuba, was running a race with a mammoth whale.

Capt. N. D. Nilson first sighted the whale just inside Race point. It was disporting in the water, blowing at frequent intervals.

Suddenly, as if aroused by the oncoming steamer, it started in the same direction and for the first few miles of the novel race it forged ahead, leaving a foaming trail in its wake. Then it dropped astern and after a time it plunged to the bottom and did not reappear. Capt. Nilson said the whale was fully 125 feet long.

April 25. NOW AHEAD OF LAST YEAR.

Southern Mackerel Catch Is
5600 Bbls. Up to Date.

FISH ARE STILL FAR SOUTH.

Several More Good Fares at Ful-
ton Market Today.

That the southern fleet are still in touch with the mackerel schools is shown by the fact that several more fine fares have come to market this morning. The fares are not as large as those brought in a week ago, but still are paying trips. The vessels at Fulton market this morning are:

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, 5000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey, 5000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 16,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. George G. Hamor, 8000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross, 11,000 fresh medium mackerel.

This is the fourth trip for Capt. Solomon Jacobs and the second for the Ingomar, Veda McKown and Annie Greenlaw.

The high boats now are the Patrician, A. M. Nicholson and Ingomar and there is not too much difference between them. The Nicholson is the only vessel to make four trips thus far this season.

There are many who think perhaps where the nights are now so light and little chance of the water firing, that the vessels are taking the fish in the daytime.

The fresh catch of the southern fleet up to 10 o'clock this forenoon is about 5600 barrels against about 4600 at this date last year.

Fresh medium mackerel brought 10 cents each at New York yesterday.

Latest advices from the fleet are to the effect that the schools are still hanging in the same old place where they were first found, in the neighborhood of from southeast to east, 40 miles from Cape Henry.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Monarch, Brown's Bank, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Susan and Mary, LeHave Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. or gray.

Rips salt cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium, and \$2.25 for snappers.

Boston.

Sch. Aleina, 4000 haddock, 18,000 cod. Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75.

New York.

Sch. Ingomar, 5000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, 8000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, 11,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, 16,000 fresh medium mackerel.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. John O'Brien will command sch. Independence II., instead of sch. Argo, in the mackerel seining fishery.

April 26. FLITCHED HALIBUT FLEET

Will Be Larger This Season Than
for Some Time.

Eight Vessels in All and One Has
Already Sailed.

The flitched halibut fleet which will sail from this port this season will be larger than for several seasons past. In recent years this fleet of crafts has numbered from five to seven sail. This year there will be eight vessels in the fleet, as follows:

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, Capt. Henry Arsenault,

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Maurice Fogarty.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Hayes.

Sch. Oregon, Capt. Albert Flygore.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Charles Flygore.

Sch. S. P. Willard, Capt. Augustus Peterson.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll.

The sch. Henry M. Stanley sailed yesterday, being the first of the fleet to get away, and schs. Harry A. Nickerson, Lucinda I. Lowell, Admiral Dewey, Oregon and Arbutus are now fitting.

These flitching trips are the longest that any of our vessels go on and they are also the most expensive to fit out, on account of the great amount of provisions and gear which must be carried. Everything, sails, rigging, cable, etc., must be in the very best of condition and the craft must be good and staunch to go up against what these vessels have to meet amid the fies and bergs of the North Atlantic.

These vessels generally fish between the 50th and 60th parallels, but some have been as far north as latitude 61. Little fishing was done there as the ice drove them back to latitude 56, which is a favorite latitude for these craft.

These vessels generally touch into land once during the voyage, and that during the start of the trip, when they make everything in readiness for the long, hard siege among the ice. The terms Funks and Bacalien Bank are generally used to describe the location where the flitchers get their fish, but more often the fares are taken to the northward of both these grounds, out from the Labrador coast, from Hamilton inlet to Cape Chudleigh, at the entrance to Hudson strait, and even across on the Greenland side of Davis strait.

As a general thing these vessels never come to land until he trip is completed, except to repair damages caused by getting in the ice, losing sails, spars or rigging or cable, or something of that nature. All figure on getting their supplies of water from the icebergs.

April 26.

FINE CODFISHING.

Reported at Port aux Basques and
Rose Blanche.

Reports received at Halifax, N. S., from Newfoundland say the salt fishery industry is the best there in 20 years. Particularly is this true of Port aux Basques and Rose Blanche, where the waters are teeming with fish. A big fleet is busily engaged and all report good hauls.

Bait, however, is scarce and already queries have been made from dealers at North Sydney.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, stocked \$2200 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$47.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, stocked \$1900 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$37.

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BIG STRIKE OF ALEWIVES.

Over 50,000 Taken at Edgartown
Last Tuesday Night.

Alewives have struck in plenty again at Edgartown and a big strike of over 50,000 fish was taken at Edgartown on Tuesday night. The prospects are now good there.

April 26.

STILL BLOCKED BY ICE.

Says Port Mulgrave Correspondent of Strait of Canso.

Although the Dominion government report of early this week reported the strait of Canso clear of ice, a letter to the Times from its Port Mulgrave correspondent dated Sunday states that there is a solid ice jam across the strait and that from Cape Jack out north, the water is full of heavy ice.

April 26.

FIRST FLITCHER.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley Sailed for Far North This Forenoon.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, Capt. Henry Arsenault, sailed this forenoon for the waters of the frozen north, on a flitched halibut trip, being the first of the fleet to get away.

April 26.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Alcina, via Boston, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Catherine Burke, Boston.

Todays Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. or gray.

Rips salt cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium, and \$2.25 for snappers.

Boston.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 35,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Sylva, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 4000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Lizzie B. Foster, 3500 cod.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 7000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 12,000 cod.

Sch. H. C. Newhall, 8000 haddock, 4200 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Argo will now fit for south seining under command of Capt. Burns Firth.

Sch. Horace B. Parker was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

Steamer Joppaite of Newburyport is at this port for south mackerel netting.

The auxiliary sch. Dorcas of Cape Porpoise, Me., is at this port and Capt. Richard Numan, after putting her on the Rocky Neck railways, will fit her for south mackerel netting.

Sloop Esther Madeliene will now fit for shore cod netting.

Some of the shackers are now taking some salt, getting ready for a salt and fresh trip to the eastward.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, to fit for Rips.

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EDGARTOWN NEWS.

Several Vessels Got Their Bait There Recently.

A special to the Times from Edgartown states that schs. Niagara, Tecumseh, William H. Rider, Ella G. King, Fannie A. Smith and Kineo baited and sailed from there on Wednesday and Thursday. Sch. Waldo L. Stream arrived there Thursday for bait.

April 27.

INTERESTING CASE.

Gloucester Fishermen Accused of Pillaging Nets.

First Complaint of Kind Made to Federal Authorities.

A big gathering of Gloucester fishermen was present in the equity court room of the federal building, Boston, yesterday, when the cases of Capt. Edward Stanley of the sch. Nokomis, and Capt. Roland Brewer of sch. M. Madeleine, both of this city, were given a hearing before Commissioner Hayes on the charge of larceny of fish on the high seas from the nets of Fred E. Proctor of the fishing sch. Freedom, off Plymouth on March 27.

The case is one of considerable interest, as it is the first time that a complaint of this kind has been made to the federal authorities in this district. The hearing went on all day, and is unfinished.

Proctor, who was the only witness heard, testified that he went down to his nets on the morning of March 27, and he saw two dories from the trawlers near his nets. One of the nets was pulled up over the gunwale of Stanley's dory in the manner used in getting the fish out of the meshes. When he came up near the nets, the dories pulled away to the trawlers, and they hoisted sail and made off. Proctor found his nets torn and snarled, and relieved of what fish had become entangled in them.

In cross-examination he said that Brewer's trawls were within 250 yards of his nets. He had 27 nets set about five miles north of Plymouth.

To the untutored, Proctor gave a very interesting and comprehensive description of the method used in netting fish. The old salts in the audience appeared restless during his detailed descriptions of technical points, but they waxed enthusiastic over legal point disputes between Assistant District Attorney Garland and Lawyers Burnham, who appeared for Stanley and M. J. McNeirney, Esq., who appeared for Brewer.

The case was continued until Thursday when the arguments will be made.

April 27.

MARCH FISH RECEIPTS.

Quantities Landed at This Port and Boston During Month.

The Bureau of Fisheries reports that for the month of March 2,832,013 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$77,151 and 112,930 pounds of salt fish valued at \$5,135 were landed at this port and 6,893,700 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$218,878 landed at Boston.

The number of trips received at this port was 541, and the receipts included 1,471,36 lbs. fresh cod, valued at \$37,109,111,504 lbs. salt cod, valued at \$5105, 23,651 lbs. cusk, valued at \$381, 1,110,844 lbs. haddock, valued at \$19,888, 20,460 lbs. pollock, valued at \$314, 1658 lbs. fresh pollock, valued at \$32, 1426 lbs. salt pollock, valued at \$30, and 204,130 lbs. fresh halibut, valued at \$19,427.

The number of trips reported in Boston was 422, and the receipts included 1,715,500 lbs. fresh cod, valued at \$59,292, 142,100 lbs. cusk, valued at \$3696, 4,705,400 lbs. haddock, valued at \$141,787, 286,000 lbs. hake, valued at \$10,779, 18,100 lbs. fresh pollock, valued at \$727, and 26,500 lbs. fresh halibut, valued at \$2597.

April 27.

ICE JAM PARTED.

Strait of Canso Free But Ice Still Solid Outside.

A special to the Times from its Port Mulgrave correspondent, dated Thursday, states that on Wednesday the ice jam in the strait of Canso parted and went out to the northward. The letter also states that outside and around Cape Breton everywhere there is a solid field of ice.

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Pollock Trip Sold.

The fare of fresh pollock seined on the Maine coast by sch. Dauntless, which arrived here this morning, was sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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WEARING A MAST HOOP.

Blue Shark Captured by Provincetown Fishing Sloop.

That even fish meet accidents is shown by the exhibition of a shark in the window of the Iver Johnson's Sporting Goods Company, Washington street, Boston, where may be seen a blue shark with a mast hoop of some ill-fated vessel lodged between the dorsal and ventral fins.

The demon of the deep was caught in the meshes of a net belonging to Capt. P. Wood of the fishing sloop Handy Andy, of Provincetown, who when hauling in his trawl was obliged to fight for his life.

At the time of the catch the fish measured six feet four inches in length, but since curing and mounting has shrunk to less than five feet.

How the pointed nosed shark became encircled by the 14 inch mast hoop of oak is a mystery.

That it has been worn for a long period is evident from the fact that the frontal bone of the dorsal fin has been literally worn away and it has considerably cut into the surrounding smaller bones.

April 27.

BOND IN CONFERENCE.

To Have Series of Talks with Lord Elgin in London.

A St. John's N. F., despatch of Thursday to Boston said:

"The colonial government officials here say that Sir Robert Bond's conference in London yesterday with Lord Elgin regarding the American fisheries question was only the first of a series of discussions which it is hoped will result in the adjustment of the entire matter.

"The officials here expect that the negotiations will be protracted and that a solution of the question will be difficult on account of the firm stand taken by Newfoundland and the conciliatory attitude of the British cabinet toward the United States."

April 27.

Mackerel Notes.

The total importations of salt mackerel at the port of Boston for the season to date have been 41,605 bbls. against 45,246 bbls. in 1906, 30,322 bbls. in 1905 and 48,485 bbls. in 1904.

The shipments of Irish mackerel from Liverpool, Eng., to America for the season to date have been 49,376 bbls. against 66,612 bbls. in 1906, 69,268 bbls. in 1905 and 67,504 bbls. in 1904.

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Bait Scarce Down East.

Fresh bait is once more scarce down east.

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Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Esther Gray, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dauntless, Maine Coast, seining, 60,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.

Sch. Pythian, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Market price large western cod to split, \$2.50 per cwt., medium do., \$1.62 1-2.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.50 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.